

Classified Forest & Wildlands Law Updated

Two sets of laws regulate the Classified Forest & Wildlands Program. The first is Indiana Code 6-1.1-6, which authorizes the program and describes its basics. The second set of laws is 312 Indiana Administrative Code 15, the "Rules." Those laws provide definitions and clarifications for IC 6-1.1-6.

It was a long process, but the Rules have been updated to reflect the 2006 merger of Classified Forest & Classified Wildlife Habitat. In addition, the update describes a new GIS method that the Division of Forestry and surveyors can use to write descriptions of land being enrolled in the program. DNR Forestry will use the new method to rewrite problematic descriptions, help landowners combine contiguous classified tracts into one tract, and write revised descriptions when the government takes part of a classified tract (e.g., for a road expansion).

View the Classified Forest & Wildlands laws at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/4801.htm>.

